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SUBJECT: LABOR LEADER ROGELIO CORIA MURDERED

1. SUMMARY. ROGELIO CORIA, ONE-TIME LABOR BOSS OF 62 ORGANIZATIONS, WAS MURDERED MARCH 22 BY THREE UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES. NO SERIOUS LABOR DISTURBANCES EXPECTED. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPOSED LABOR BOSS, 45 YEAR-OLD ROGELIO CORIA WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY THREE UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS IN DOWNTOWN BA EVENING OF MARCH 22. ALTHOUGH KILLING WAS HEADLINE STORY IN ALL MARCH 23 NEWSMEDIA, NO LABOR REPERCUSSIONS AFFECTING PUBLIC ORDER ARE EXPECTED. CORIA HAD BEEN LIVING IN SELF-IMPOSED EXILE IN PARAGUAY AND WAS ALLEGEDLY VISITING BA FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AT THE TIME OF HIS MURDER. HE WAS LEAVING DOCTOR'S OFFICE WHEN GUNNED DOWN.

3. CORIA ROSE TO PINNACLE OF LABOR POWER IN 1972 IN DUAL POSITION

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OF SEC GEN OF POWERFUL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS CONFEDERATION (UOCRA) AND

OF PERONIST LABOR ARM, 62 ORGANIZATIONS. HOWEVER, HE MET HIS DOWNFALL
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WHEN HE REACTED ANGRILY TO PERON'S IGNORING OF 62 ORGANIZATIONS IN
SELECTION OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES FOR 1973 NATIONAL ELECTIONS.
CORIA LASHED OUT AT PERON'S HAND-PICKED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE,
CAMPORA, AND STATED THAT LABOR WOULD NOT SUPPORT HIS CANDIDACY. IN
TEST OF HIS ABILITY TO STILL CONTROL LABOR MOVEMENT FROM EXILE,
PERON ORDERED CORIA'S EXPULSION FROM ALL LABOT SLOTS. ALTHOUGH
REPORTEDLY IN SYMPATHY WITH CORIA'S POSITION, OTHER UOCRA AND 62
ORGANIZATIONS LEADERS BOWED TO PERON'S EDIT AND SACKED CORIA IN
JANUARY, 1973. FEARING FOR HIS LIFE, CORIA FLED TO PARAGUAY.

4. CORIA'S MURDER HIGHLIGHTS HAZARDS OF BEING LABOR LEADER IN
ARGENTINA. SEVERAL SECONDARY LEVEL AND TWO TOP LEVEL LABOR LEADERS,
CGT SEC GEN RUCCI AND MECHANICS UNION (SMATA) SEC GEN KLOOSTERMAN,
WERE SLAIN IN 1973. ALSO, THE TWO PREVIOUS ARGENTINE LABOR BOSSES,
ALONZO AND VANDOR, WERE ASSASSINATED IN 1969 AND 1970. PRESENT LABOR
BOSS LORENZO MIGUEL (UOM) LIVES AND TRAVELS WITH AN ARMY OF BODY-
GUARDS AND THE UOM HEADQUARTERS IS A VIRTUAL FORTRESS. THOSE
HAZARDS ACCOUNT FOR DISINTEREST OF PRESENT CGT SEC GEN ROMERO IN
CONTINUING HIS TENURE AS SEC GEN, AND HE IS EXPECTED TO RELINQUISH
THAT POST IN JULY, 1974 ELECTIONS.

5. NONE OF PREVIOUS KILLINGS OF MAJOR LABOR LEADERS HAVE BEEN SOLVED
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AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CORIA'S WILL BE. WIDELY ACCUSED BY ALL SECTORS

FOR ALLEGED CORRUPTION, HE WAS A LIKELY TARGET FOR ANY GROUP. THE
ORTHODOX LABOR LEADERSHIP WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DENOUNCE THE MURDER BUT
WILL BE UNLIKELY TO TAKE ANY EXTREME ACTION.
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